

# Glass Mask

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THE SHIP WAS  
TURNED INTO A  
JAILHOUSE  
COURTHOUSE

100 YEARS AGO,  
A PRIVATE SHIP AND  
ITS CREW,  
NOTORIOUS FOR  
CAUSING LARGEST IN  
THE ARABIAN SEA,  
WAS FINALLY  
CAUGHT

NOW, AMONG  
THE PRIVATEES  
WAS A WOMAN  
DESIGNED AS A  
PRINCESS

SHE WAS  
CALLED  
NICO

BUT HER  
REAL NAME  
WAS FUNCA  
CAPTAIN

WELL,  
THIS BOOK IS  
WRITTEN FROM  
HER POINT  
OF VIEW

WHY DID SHE  
BECOME A  
PRIVATEER?  
WHAT WOULD  
PEOPLEBE  
WONDERING

SHE USED  
TO BE  
PRINCESS

OH, TELL  
ME MORE  
ABOUT HER

NAME

IT SOUNDS SO  
ROMANTIC AND  
EXCITING

IT WOULD  
MAKE AN  
INTERESTING  
PLAY

THE ROYAL  
PRINCESS WHO  
BECAME A  
PRIVATEER...

THAT'S  
UNUSUAL!

AND IT'S FULL OF  
ADVENTURE, LOVE,  
AND EXCITEMENT

YES,  
IT IS!



GOY IT!

JUST JOHNN  
WHAT IT IS, ALRIGHT?

THE JOHNN ACT  
LIKE IM TOLD  
SOMETHING

YEAH, AND THE KIDS  
REALLY LIKE IT

SHE'S HAPPY  
TO BE  
CHILDREN

PLATT

WELL, ALWAYS FOUND  
A GOOD  
AUDIENCE

OH

IT IS DIFFICULT  
TO HAVE  
CHILDREN  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT WE ARE  
TRYING TO  
FOOTBALL

THAT'S THE  
MOST  
IMPORTANT  
THING

IF THE  
KIDS KNOW,  
THE ADULTS  
WILL KNOW









**SIGN UP  
NOW!**

POPL DANCING,  
MUSIC, OR SOLO  
PERFORMANCES

NOW THEY  
CAN  
SIGN UP  
FOR THE  
SCHOOL  
FESTIVAL



I CAN PUT YOU  
IN AT TWO PM  
AFTER THE  
ANNUAL FESTIVAL  
AND THE DANCE  
CLUB

FOR AN  
HOUR  
AND A  
HALF

WE'RE FROM  
THE DANCE  
CLUB AND  
WE NEED  
THE HALL

YOU'LL  
NEED TO BE  
READY TEN  
MINUTES IN  
ADVANCE



THE  
SCHOOL  
FESTIVAL  
IT WOULD BE  
WONDERFUL IF  
I COULD  
PERFORM  
SOMETHING

BUT HOW  
ALONE...



BRING  
THE FRAGILE  
VOICE...

FOO



YOU WERE  
INTERESTED  
IN THAT  
BOOK,  
RIGHT?

HERE  
I'LL LEND  
IT TO  
YOU

HOW  
THANK  
YOU

THE  
BOOK  
WILL  
BE



ON  
THE GROUND  
FROM  
THE  
LIBRARY

HEY



NO MORE  
OFFERING A  
DISPLAY  
STAND

THE  
FESTIVAL'S  
COMING UP...

"MY GOOD PEOPLE..."

"IN THIS COURT ON THIS SOAF, I WILL EXPOSE TO YOU ALL THIS HISTORY OF MY LIFE"

"BUT YES, I AM A WOMAN DRESSED AS A MAN"

"I'M SURE THIS IS ALL QUITE SURPRISING"

AND SHE BEGAN HER TALE

THE MERE MENTION OF THE MAINE CASTLE BROUGHT A COLLECTIVE GASP AMONG THE PEOPLE ATTENDING THAT DAY, FOR THE MAINE CASTLE WAS THAT OF A WELL RESPECTED ROYAL FAMILY FROM VENICE

HER REAL NAME WAS PRINCE LAFINE

BUT HOW COULD I DO IT? WHAT SHOULD I DO?

WISH TO GIVE ANYTHING TO PERFORM AGAIN

THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL

I KEEP READING FOR AN ANSWER, BUT I STILL CAN'T FIND ONE

I COULD USE THE BOOK AS A SCRIPT

A FEMALE PRINCE

IT'D BE TO PLAY HER

BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH THE BOOK I AM ABOUT NOW



TOO EARLY.

THE CRIMINAL SCENE  
SEEMS SO FAR AWAY  
NOW...



IT'S JUST  
JUNK IN  
THERES BUT  
IT'S GOING TO  
BE WIDE  
WIDE

IT'S BEEN  
UNUSUAL  
FOR YEARS  
NOW

BEING AS HOW  
THE FESTIVAL IS  
COMING UP, WE  
NEED TO CLEAN  
OUT THIS OLD  
SIDE



CAN YOU  
GIVE US A  
HAND?

HEY,  
YOU  
THERE!



I'VE GOT TO  
GET SOME  
STUFF FIRST

OF  
COURSE  
NOT!

HEY,  
YOU'RE  
JUST  
GOING TO  
PLAY OUT  
ON ME!



ON A HANDRAIL  
ON THE FIRST  
DAY

THE BALANCE  
BEAR COULD  
HAVE A BETTY  
TOO BRIDE





ALL THIS  
SOLICITING...

THE



EVEN THE  
BORN ACT,  
I COULD  
USE...

THIS COULD  
BE A POR-  
TRAIT ON  
A REEL.

THIS COULD  
BE A  
SCENE.

I WONDER IF I  
COULD USE ALL  
THIS, FOR A  
PLAY.



ALL OF  
IT

I CAN USE  
ALL OF IT

I CAN DO  
THIS  
PLAY



SOLD PERFORMANCE



TART'S IT!  
A SOLD  
PERFORMANCE!





DANCE, THE  
FEMALE PRIDE

ON MY OWN!

SIGN UP,  
AND I DO  
MEAN  
NOW!!

SIGN UP COMMITTEE

ALRIGHT,  
LAST CALL  
FOR THOSE  
PARTICIPATING!

MAKE IT  
HAPPEN  
MYSELF...

I'LL DO IT,  
I'LL PUT ON  
A PLAY!

THE SCENES  
AND STAGES I  
CAN RUN FOR SURE!

I HAVE TO  
ALONE THIS  
HAPPEN  
MYSELF!

I CAN DO THIS ON MY OWN!







## SCHOOL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, YOU WANT TO DO A SOLO PERFORMANCE IN THE MAIN HALL??

SIGN UPS TODAY

YOU CAN'T DO IT

BEHOLD, ITS BEEN BOOKED FOR A MANDOLIN RECITAL BY THE DANCE CLUB, AND BY THE GUITAR CLUB

WHY NOT TRY THE SCHOOL YARD?

GOOD! NO CAN DO

PERFORMANCES THERE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE 2-3 MINUTES, 10 MINUTES TOP!

NO THAT IS ANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE CAN PERFORM THERE!

THE SCHOOL YARD IS FOR FOLK DANCING, COMEDY, VENTRILOQUISM, YOU KNOW, SAGGY PERFORMANCES

THAT'S OVER AN HOUR LONG!





BUT I'M NOT GIVING  
UP! IF NOT NOW,  
THEN I'LL DO IT  
SOME OTHER  
TIME!

IF THEY WON'T GIVE  
ME THE HILL ON  
YARD, THEN I'LL  
WALK MY OWN  
STAGE!

GREAT,  
NOW WHATEVER  
CAN'T DO IT  
ANONYMOUS!

I WAS  
LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
PLAYING  
BRIDGE!

OH,  
MY!



WHAT, YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR A  
SCRIPT WRITER?



ALRIGHT,  
THERE'S  
FOURTEEN  
FROM THE  
LITERATURE  
DEPT!

WELL, I  
ALONE!

YOU'LL  
NEED AT  
LEAST  
50  
AT PEOPLE  
LEAST!

OH,  
MY!

AND YOU WANT  
TO DO THIS  
PLAY, ALL BY  
YOURSELF?

WE'VE HAD SOME  
STORIES  
PUBLISHED  
AND WE ALSO  
WRITE  
POETRY  
GUY'S WELL

WELL, I'LL BE  
FINE ALONE







IS PRADISA  
BACK HERE?

THE  
BEST  
ONE



I FINISHED THE  
SCRIPT, GUY

IT'S ALL DONE  
HERE. JUST READ  
IT AND TELL ME  
WHAT YOU THINK

LET ME KNOW  
IF THERE IS  
ANYTHING YOU  
NEED CHANGED

I WAS  
LOOKING FOR  
THE PARTS  
THAT WOULD  
MAKE A GOOD  
PLAY

I WROTE UP  
ALL NIGHT  
READING THIS

YOUNG  
LOVER



SO I THINK IT  
WOULD BE MORE  
INTERESTING IF YOU  
HAD MORE ABOUT  
THE PLAYERS  
BEFORE AND AFTER  
IN THE PLAY

HEY  
ON  
CLAPS

AND YOU'LL  
WANT TO ADD  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT HER  
MEETING HER  
BROTHER  
JULIO

I'LL BE  
FLORIAN  
FOR YOU

ALRIGHT  
MOM

IF SHOWING HER  
LIFE AMONG  
THE OTHER  
PLAYERS



I DON'T  
REALIZE I  
WROTE THAT  
GOOD

I WROTE A  
ONE-PERSON  
SCRIPT

AMAZING, I  
TURNED A  
NOVEL INTO A  
SCRIPT





ARE YOU SURE THE  
SCHOOL DOESN'T NEED  
ANY OF THAT?

THERE IS A  
LOT OF  
STUFF



AND THE BALANCE BEAM  
COULD BE A  
SOURCE OF  
THE SHIP'S  
PROBLEMS

THIS  
COULD BE  
A DEAD

THIS COULD  
BE THE  
FOUNTAIN OF  
THE CASTLE

THIS COULD BE  
A LADDER

CAN YOU  
REALLY WORK  
WITH ALL OF  
IT?

YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
NEED MORE  
THAN JUST  
THIS

YOU MUST  
HAVE QUOTE  
AN ACTIVE  
IMAGINATION,  
HARRY

I  
SEE



WE WON'T WANT  
TO CHANGE  
EVERY SCENE

AND SINCE  
THIS DEVELOVES  
AROUND  
HARRY'S CONFESSION

THE MORE  
SCENES WE DO  
THE MORE WE  
HAVE TO CHANGE  
SETS

IT'S  
WARDEN

NO,  
TWO WILL  
DO







YOU'LL BE FROM  
THE LIT GROUP  
WROTE THE  
SCRIPT

HAH, IT'S IN THE OLD  
DAYS, I GOT PERMA-  
NENT AND EVERYTHING

A BOLD  
ACT?

EVERY  
SHOULD  
TALK

I HAVE TO GO  
EVERYTHING  
ON MY OWN

IT'S GOING  
TO BE  
DIFFICULT  
AND

YOU'LL NEED  
STAGE-  
HANDS AND  
PRODUCTION  
DESIGNERS

DOING  
EVERYTHING  
YOURSELF

THAT'S TRUE,  
I DON'T THINK  
OF THAT

DESIGNER?

SOLO  
PERFORMANCE

THINK  
THE  
PLOT

I DON'T HAVE  
ANYONE TO  
COACH MY  
ACTING  
STORY

ON  
60844









REMEMBERING  
THE WHOLE  
THING JUST BY  
READING IT  
IS EASY FOR  
ME!

THE EASY  
REMEMBERING  
IS JUST A  
TRICK!



HERE IS YOUR  
SHARD, NAME

TAKE A GLANCE  
AND SAY IT,  
OKAY?











I KNOW

SHE'S  
SEEING THINGS  
FROM THE  
AUDIENCE'S  
PERSPECTIVE

THAT'S WHY  
STAGE DOORS  
ARE USUALLY  
AT AN ANGLE

THE STAGE  
HAS TO BE  
VISIBLE FROM  
ANYWHERE  
IN THE  
AUDIENCE

TO GET THE  
STAGE UP  
PROPERLY, YOU  
HAVE TO TAKE  
THE AUDIENCE  
INTO CONSIDER-  
ATION

THAT'S WHY  
SHE'S SITTING  
AROUND THE  
ROOM LIKE  
THAT

FROM  
HER  
PERSPECTIVE



IF WE  
DO...

WE ABOUT BE  
ABLE TO PER-  
FORM BETTER  
IN OUR OWN  
PLAYS



IT'S  
NOTHING  
TO BE  
IMPRESSIONED  
ABOUT

ALRIGHT,  
BUT SO  
WHAT?

THAT'S  
WHAT  
MAYA IS  
DOING

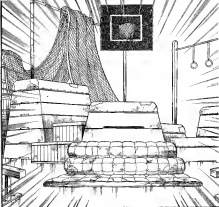


DID ANY OF US  
EVER DO SOME-  
THING LIKE THAT?

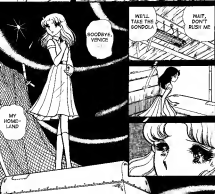
NO, BUT  
SHE IS  
INTRODUCING



IT'S  
DONE  
!











THIS IS  
MY NEW  
START





GOOD.  
MAYBE IS  
DOING A  
BOLD ACT  
AT SCHOOL.



THE  
AUDIENCE  
WILL

I WILL NO  
LONGER GUIDE  
HER NOW

SHE'S  
FINALLY  
LEARNING  
TO FIND  
HER OWN  
PATH

OR RATHER,  
TO MAKE  
HER OWN  
MISTAKE

THE  
AUDIENCE  
?



THAT THE  
AUDIENCE IS  
JUST AS GOOD  
A MENTOR AS  
A TEACHER IS

SHE  
DISCOVERED  
IT



THE AUDIENCE  
IS  
A MENTOR  
?



















SINCE I'M ALONE,  
I HAVE TO DO  
MY VERY BEST

FINALLY, I  
GET TO  
ACT AGAIN

THANKS TO  
KURUGO, I'M  
NOT HANGING

TO  
PERFORM

IT'S THE ONLY  
THING THAT I  
LIVE FOR

AS LONG AS  
I HAVE AN  
AUDIENCE, IT'S  
GOOD ENOUGH  
FOR ME

EVEN THOUGH  
IT'S AN OLD  
BUILDING,  
WITH THE  
AUDIENCE IT'LL  
BE A THEATRE  
TO ME



REU  
SAYAKAI

REU  
YAI



IT'S A BIT LOW  
ON FLOOR, SO I  
ONLY ENTERED  
THE IMPORTANT  
CONTAINERS

THERE  
ARE THE  
CONTAINERS

KURUGO  
HELPED  
ME A LOT

THE OTHERS  
I ASKED FROM  
OLD CLOTHES  
AND CLOTH

UNDER  
THIS  
TREE

THIS IS  
MY CHANG-  
ING ROOM

I SET IT UP  
HERE SO I  
CAN ENTER  
THE STAGE  
DIRECTLY FROM IT

WOW,  
FLOWERS?  
FOR ME?  
THANKS A  
LOT, SAYS

THEY'RE  
REALLY  
NICE

THANKS AND  
WELL HAVE TO  
WORK, SO  
THEY CAN'T  
BE HERE













THANK YOU  
ALL FOR  
COMING



IN ITALY, THE  
RENEISSANCE  
IS AT ITS  
PEAK

THESE  
ARE THE  
MIDDLE  
AGES



UNDER THE  
SCORCHING  
SUN...

ON THE  
MEDITERRANEAN  
SEA...



AND MY  
BAND OF  
PIRATES

AMONG THE  
PIRATES OF  
THE GREEN  
SEA

I WAS  
ARRESTED  
BY THE  
GENOVA  
NAVY









DON'T YOU  
DARE TOUCH  
ME!



gulp



I WILL  
SURREN-  
DER

I WILL  
NOT  
RESIST

GENTLE-  
MAN OF  
THE  
SEMPER  
NAVY"

MAY I  
COME  
ABOARD  
THE DECK

IF YOU SO  
MUCH AS LAY  
A HAND ON  
ME, I WILL  
BITE OFF MY  
OWN TONGUE

STAY  
YOUR  
HAND







BIANCHI  
CASTINI

WHEN  
I AM, IN  
FACT, A  
WOMAN

PEOPLE

AS YOU HAVE  
HEARD, I LOSE  
A MAN'S NAME

MY TRUE  
IDENTITY  
LONG-  
COVERED

MY TRUE  
NAME IS  
BIANCHI

I HAVE  
HIDDEN  
MYSELF  
FOR SEVEN  
YEARS...

I KNOW THIS MUST  
COME AS A SHOCK  
TO YOU, THE  
CASTINIS ARE  
A ROYAL FAMILY  
IN VENICE, LONG  
BUILT UP THE  
BRANCHES

SO WHY  
IS A FIRST-  
BORN OF A ROYAL  
FAMILY

... HERE  
AMONG A  
BAND OF  
PIRATES?

WHEN I WAS  
THREE AND  
MY BROTHER,  
WAS TWO

OUR  
DEAR MOTHER  
DIED

I WILL TELL  
YOU MY  
REASONS

THEN YOU  
MAY UNDER  
STAND HOW  
I GOT HERE

MY FATHER,  
PHILIP DE  
CASTINI, IS  
A POWER  
MINISTER

HE IS  
KNOWN NOT  
ONLY FOR  
HIS GREAT  
NAME BUT  
ALSO FOR HIS  
GREAT DEEDS

I AM THE  
FIRSTBORN  
OF THE  
CASTINI  
FAMILY





HE WERE  
WELL-  
EDUCATED



HE WERE RAISED  
BY OUR NURSE,  
MAMA, AND OUR  
PRIVATE  
SERVANTS



AS A ROYAL  
PRINCESS, I  
ALSO STUDIED  
NEEDPOINT

ETIQUETTE,  
HISTORY,  
LANGUAGES



HOWEVER, I  
PREFERRED  
THE BLADE





JULIO,  
COME  
FIGHT  
ME!

WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
SWORDS,  
I WILL NOT  
LOSE

DUM

DUM

DUM

BOOM



YOU'RE  
LEAVING  
YOURSELF  
NICE OPEN!

LEFT, RIGHT,

LEFT, RIGHT

HURRY  
NOW!



I TOOK THE  
SWORD AND  
PRACTICED  
WITH THE  
GUARDS OF  
THE CASTLE

IN MY FREE  
TIME, AWAY  
FROM THE  
EYES OF MY  
SERVANTS.

AFTER THE  
ETIQUETTE  
CLASSES AND  
BEING A LADY



COME BACK, JULIO!

I KNOW YOUR REAR-NECK BEST!

EVEN THOUGH MUCH MORE EXPERIENCED THAN I, THE SWORDS WERE NO MATCH FOR ME IN SWORD-FIGHTING!

WAIT, DON'T RUN!



HER ACTING IS MAGICAL!

I ALMOST FEEL LIKE I'M IN THE CASTLE!

HEY!



MURDER!



BUT SHE'S USING IT REALLY WELL!

I KNOW IT'S JUST OLD EQUIPMENT,

IT ALL SEEMS SO REAL!







EVEN IN  
GENOVA  
AND  
VENICE

I'M SURE MANY  
ARE AGAINST  
THIS MARRIAGE

MY FATHER  
MIGHT AS  
WELL IMPRISON ME

I WON'T BE  
A POLITICAL  
TOOL FOR  
VENICE AND  
GENOVA

NO,  
I WON'T  
GO TO  
GENOVA!

I KNOW THAT  
REUNITING THE  
TWO COUNTRIES  
TOGETHER  
WILL CREATE  
A SINGLE GREAT  
NATION

GENOVA HAS A  
HUFFY JUST AS  
STRONG AS THAT  
OF VENICE

YOU KNOW  
THAT, DON'T  
YOU, FATHER?

BUT GENOVA WILL  
PROBABLY END UP  
TAKING US OVER

IF WE COMBINE,  
WE WILL BE  
UNSTOPPABLE

DON'T SEND  
ME TO THAT  
PLACE!

OR DO  
YOU WANT  
GENOVA?

BUT I SAY  
TO YOU,  
NO!

I WILL NOT  
BE A WIFE TO  
A MAN I DO  
NOT EVEN  
KNOW!

I KNOW YOU  
LOVE ME, FATHER

I KNOW THAT  
I WOULD BE  
IN NO DANGER

TO POOL  
THEM, YOU  
SHALL SEND  
ME





IN SOME  
OLD CAST

...AND  
NOW  
SHE'S  
PLAYING  
...

ha  
ha  
ha  
ha  
ha

SHE  
REALLY  
IS  
TALENTED

SHE'S  
REALLY  
GOOD

IT  
WOULD  
BE A  
SHAME TO  
END IT  
HERE

THEY  
WOULD  
STOP AT  
NOTHING  
TO OFFEND  
IT

ARE THOSE  
THAT ARE  
BRIBED THE  
TWO COUNTRIES,  
AS WELL

THOSE  
COUNTRIES  
THAT OPPOSE  
THIS MARRIAGE

...ALL SENT  
ASSASSINS  
TO KILL  
LORENZO  
AND I

MEAN,  
THE ROMAN  
EMPIRE,  
SPAIN AND  
PACIA

MANY  
COUNTRIES  
WILL NOT BE  
IN FAVOR OF  
THIS UN-  
ION

I MEAN, SHE  
WAS A TV  
ACTRESS,  
EVEN IF SHE  
WAS SHOWN  
BY HER  
COMEDY

SHE  
ALSO  
WON  
BEST  
ACTRESS

THEY ALSO  
SPREAD  
RUMORS  
TO INCITE  
THE PEOPLE

PLUS, SHE'S  
A CANDIDATE  
FOR THE  
OSCAR AWARD

WE WERE  
SURROUNDED  
BY SOLDIERS

THIS UNION  
BECAME A  
DEATH  
WARRANT

200 OF  
THEM, AS  
WELL AS  
KNIGHTS

SHE'S EVEN  
REMARKABLE  
GREATEST  
FAN



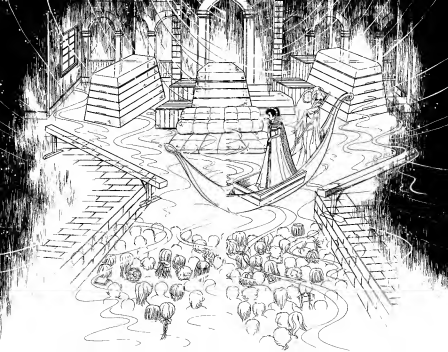
SO, AT THE  
AGE OF 13,  
I HAD TO  
GO TO  
VALENCIA...

TO MEET  
MY  
FANCE

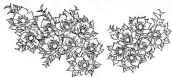


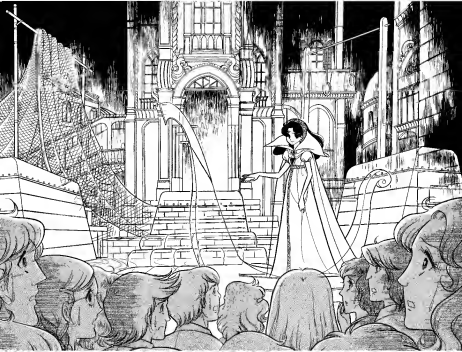
















WE ARE STILL  
IN THE WOOD,  
RIGHT?

I COULD HAVE  
SWORN THAT  
I SAW VENICE

WHAT...  
WHAT  
WAS THAT?



WAAA



BUT  
STILL

WE'LL HAVE  
TO SIT ON  
THE FLOOR.  
THE STAGE  
IS JUST A  
BUNCH OF  
JUNK

WE COME  
ON, SO  
WE HAVE  
TO GO

BEHOLD, SHE'S  
ALONE. WHAT  
CAN SHE DO?



LET'S  
GO SEE  
FOR A  
WHILE

HEY, THIS IS  
WHERE WAAA  
IS DOING THAT  
GOLD PRICE

WAAA IS  
DOING THAT  
GOLD PRICE

HIDETSUGHI  
HIGH SCHOOL

CORDILIA,  
DO YOU  
HAVE  
NOTHING  
MORE TO  
SAY?

THEY  
SPENT  
ALMOST  
HALF A  
GRAND  
ON THEM

LET'S JUST  
GO WATCH THE  
PLAY IN THE  
AUDITORIUM

AT LEAST  
THEY HAVE  
PROPER  
SET AND  
COST-  
UMES

REALLY?  
YEAH

NO  
MORE

IS THAT YOUR  
EXCUSE?  
SIMPLY BEING  
A GOOD  
DAUGHTER?

BY FOLLOWING  
FATHER'S  
ORDERS, I AM  
SIMPLY BEING  
A GOOD  
DAUGHTER

I ONLY  
DO WHAT  
I AM  
ASKED  
TO DO



CONTESSAS  
ARE SITTING  
ON THE TOP  
TERRACE

THE SCHOOL  
EVEN HIRDED  
MANY  
DISTINGUISHED  
GUESTS

THEY EVEN HAD  
THE COSTUMES  
DESIGNED FROM A  
PROFESSIONAL  
THEATRIST

THIS IS  
REALLY GREAT  
THE DRESS  
CODE REALLY  
DID WELL  
THIS TIME



TO WANT  
A PRINCE  
THAT I HAVE  
NEVER  
EVEN ONCE  
SEEN

FINALLY, WE  
HAVE LEFT  
THE CANALS  
OF VENICE

WE HAVE  
ARRIVED IN  
VALENCE

AND  
AFTER  
A LONG  
HORSE  
RIDE...



AROUND  
THE CASTLE,  
THE DISM-  
TUNES AND  
ROYALTY  
OF BRUNOVA

AND  
YET MORE  
BLOODS  
AND  
KNIGHTS  
AHEAD



VALENCE,  
THE  
BEAUTIFUL  
TOWN OF  
FLOWERS

YET TO ME,  
ON THIS DAY,  
IT HOLDS  
NO APPEAL

I AM  
SO  
WORRIED



WITH 300  
GUARDS  
AT MY  
SIDE,

AND  
KNIGHTS ALL  
AROUND ME,  
WE FINALLY  
MADE IT TO  
THE CASTLE

STEP



RIGHT  
YOU ARE



RIGHT?

AND NOW  
LET'S  
ASCENDING  
THE STAIRS  
TO THE  
GATES

AM I  
RIGHT?



OH, SO  
THAT'S  
GOTTEN BY  
THE CASTLE  
GATES



HO  
HO  
HO

SHE  
HEARD  
ME, I  
GUESSED



JUST AS SHE  
SAID, AND  
BEYOND THE  
GATES WAS A  
MAGNIFICENT  
LOBBY



SHE'S  
AMAZING

SHE INCORPORATED  
THE AUDIENCE'S  
DISTRACTION INTO  
HER ACT

AND ALL THE  
ROYALTY OF  
GENOVA  
WELCOMED ME



FEARED  
BY  
OTHER  
NATIONS

TWO  
POWERFUL  
NAVAL  
COUNTRIES  
COMBINED,  
THEY WILL BE  
UNSTOPPABLE

GENOVA  
AND  
VENICE

BY THE  
EAST  
ROMAN  
EMPEROR  
AND MELN

BY SPAIN  
AND TURKEY,  
WITH THEIR  
FORMIDABLE  
ARMIES





WOULD  
THEY  
MURDER  
ME?

THEY MIGHT  
COME AFTER  
MY LIFE

THEY MIGHT  
ALL BE  
OPPOSED TO  
THIS UNION

THEN  
AGAIN...



HEY, THIS IS  
WHERE MADA  
IS DOING  
THE SOLD ACT!

BANG

BANG

BANG



SLAM

COME ON  
IT'S  
STARTING  
...



HEY, YOU'RE  
STEPPING  
ON ME!

MOVE  
OVER A BIT

THEN LET  
ME  
THROUGH

HA... DO  
YOU JUST  
STEP IN  
SOMETHING  
OUTSIDE?

IS SOMEONE

PLEASE  
KEEP  
IT DOWN

I DON'T  
KNOW

OOOPS











AND I USED  
TO BE  
SO LIVELY!



STAND UP  
FOR  
YOURSELF

NO,  
BUNGA,  
YOU MUST  
NOT  
FALTER

I AM THE  
DAUGHTER OF  
THE FAMOUS  
CASTING OF  
VENICE



NOW, I  
ENTER THIS  
CHAMBER  
TO MEET  
PRINCE  
LORENZO



THE  
DOORS  
OPEN  
BEFORE  
ME



CLOSET



THE MEN  
AROUND HIM  
BACKED  
UP AND  
CLEARED  
A PATH  
FOR HIM

I FOUND  
MYSELF  
BREATHLESS

A  
MAN ROSE  
FROM HIS  
SEAT AS  
HE GAZED  
AT ME

DUMMY,  
IT'S A  
ONE-  
WOMAN  
ACT!  
THERE  
CAN'T BE  
ANYONE  
BACK  
THERE

OH  
YEAH

I  
ALM  
FORGOT



UPON HIS CHEST  
WAS A MEDAL OF  
DARKNESS, GREEN  
AS THE SHALLOW  
SEA'S

HE WORE  
A CAPE  
OF BLUE,  
ADORNED  
WITH GOLD  
AND  
PEARLS

HE  
SEEMED  
SO TALL

SLOWLY HE  
WALKED  
TOWARDS  
ME

EVEN THOUGH  
HE WAS ONLY  
A YEAR OLDER  
THAN I



HOW  
HAND-  
SOME

IS THIS  
LORD-  
CARD P



HIS HAIR, LONG  
AND BLONDE,  
LIKE LONG  
STRANDS OF  
SHIMMERING  
GOLD

HIS SKIN,  
WHITE AS  
NEW-FALLEN  
SNOW

EYES THAT  
SHONE AS  
BRIGHTLY AS  
DIAMONDS

A  
PERFECT  
SMILE

LIPS  
OF  
RED



HE WAS SO  
SINCERE

COULD THIS  
BE THE PRINCE  
OF THE ENEMY  
STATE?

HIS GAZE,  
AS HE  
LOOKED INTO  
HER...



SLIP



WHIR



DARK  
AGAIN??

CLICK



BACKLIT  
FROM  
BEHIND



LOOKING  
GARY?

A  
SILVER-  
EYE



BRAND, I  
HOPE YOU'LL  
BELIEVE ME

KNOW THAT  
THIS  
MARRIAGE  
IS NOT ONLY  
FOR PEACE,  
BUT FOR  
LIFE

I HAVE  
DECIDED TO  
LOVE YOU  
FOR AS LONG  
AS I LIVE

I ASK FOR  
YOUR HAND  
AND YOUR  
HEART



LOOKING  
LIKE  
A MAN



NOW, THIS  
MAY BE A  
ONE-MORNING  
SHOCK, BUT IT'S  
CERTAINLY  
NOT BORING

WELL, I  
FEEL LIKE  
THAT,  
TOO



THE SCENES  
ARE  
CHANGING  
SO FAST

IT'S  
LIKE

HER MOVE-  
MENTS, EVEN  
THE SPORTS  
EQUIPMENT  
THEY'RE  
ALL SOME-  
THING ELSE



TRUST ME,  
AND COME  
WITH ME

YOU HAVE  
NOTHING  
TO FEAR

MANY  
OPPOSE  
THIS UNION,  
THAT IS  
TRUE

THERE  
ARE  
THOSE  
AFTER  
MY LIFE

WE STILL HAVE  
TWO YEARS, AND  
WHATEVER HAPPENS  
I HOPE THAT YOU  
WILL TRUST ME

AS I  
TRUST  
YOU



MAYA,  
DROPS A  
BOLD  
ACT?



TO GO FROM  
ACTING ON  
PRIME TIME  
TV...

TO  
SCHOOL  
PLAYS

IT'S AT  
HYOTOHOSHI  
HIGH SCHOOL

THAT'S RIGHT,  
AT A SCHOOL  
FESTIVAL

HIMENAKA  
RESIDENCE



I'LL BET SHE  
WASN'T EVEN  
ALLOWED TO JOIN  
THE DRAMA GROUP  
AND THAT'S WHY  
SHE HAS TO DO  
IT ALONE

SHE'S EVEN  
PERFORM-  
ING IN AN  
OLD OVA

SHE DOESN'T  
LEAVE, DOES  
SHE?

LANE

THE  
AUDIENCE  
HAS TO  
SIT ON  
THE FLOOR





TO COMPETE  
FOR THE  
CRIMSON  
BODDERS

OH  
-L!

WELL  
-IN

ALRIGHT,  
FATHER

WHY DON'T  
YOU GO  
SEE THEM?

THE GUESTS ARE  
ALL WAITING FOR  
YOU IN THE  
GARDEN

HOW  
ACCUATE  
A  
DESCRIPTION

EASY ON  
THE EYES,  
RIGHT?

HELLO,  
JYUN

SHE  
GROWS  
MORE  
BEAUTIFUL  
EACH DAY

NOTHING LESS  
FROM THE CHILD  
OF DIRECTOR  
HIMEKAWA

ha ha ha  
ha ha ha

I WOULD  
PREFER TO  
BE PRAISED  
FOR MY  
ACTING SKILLS,  
THOUGH

THANK  
YOU

KOTONO  
MAYA  
SHE IS  
NEARLY A  
FETTER



OUR LOVE  
OF ACTING

ALTHOUGH I WAS  
RAISED SLIGHTLY  
DIFFERENTLY FROM  
THE PLAY SHE WAS,  
I FEEL THAT I  
UNDERSTAND HER

AND THE  
CRIMSON  
DROPPERS

SHE MAY BE  
THE CLOSEST  
PERSON TO THE  
WORLD TO ME





I  
AWAIT  
YOU  
MYA

SHE'S  
ALWAYS  
RIGHT  
BEHIND  
ME

I'LL  
BE  
HERE



THE STAGE IS  
SET ACCORDING  
TO THE SCENE:  
SOMETHING  
A SHIP'S FLAG

IT'S A  
VERY  
POPULAR  
DANCE  
IN VENICE

IN  
THE SHIP,  
WE SEE  
MAYA  
AS THE  
PRINCESS  
OF VENICE

SOME-  
TIMES  
A  
CASTLE

AND  
SOMETIMES  
THE CARRI-  
AGE OF VENICE

OVERLY  
ELEGANT, THE  
SET HANGS  
FROM AN  
IMPERCEPTI-  
BLY SILENT

IT'S ALL  
IN THE  
LEGS

SEE  
LOREN-  
ZINO, HOW  
EASY THIS  
IS!

THE  
MOTHER  
OF IS  
THE YOUNG  
MOTHER OF  
IN

THEIR  
FIRST  
LOVES

FINDS HERSELF  
SMITTEN BY HER  
FUTURE HUSBAND  
WHO SHE HAS  
ONLY MET FOR  
THE FIRST TIME

ELIACA, WHO IS  
TO BE MARRIED TO  
THE PRINCE OF  
GENOVA, FOR THE  
SHARED FORTUNE  
OF THE  
TWO NATIONS

MY  
SWORD-  
PLAY

GONE  
NOW ARE  
MY CARE-  
FREE  
DAYS

I WILL BE THE  
BEST WIFE TO  
HIM AS I CAN

HE'S SMART,  
STRAPPING,  
KNOWLEDGE-  
ABLE...

I FEEL AS  
THOUGH I WAS  
BORN TO BE  
WITH HIM

IF THIS  
SHOULD BE  
MY FATE, I  
THANK THE  
GODS FOR  
THIS  
FORTUNE!

HOW  
PERFECT  
LORENZINO  
IS!



FUT TWO YEARS  
AFTER THE WEDDING  
KID TO FL, FLORCA  
FACED MANY  
TERRORS OF HER  
OWN

WENT  
POISON ON  
THE  
NEEDLES  
FF

IN THREE  
YEARS, I SHALL  
TOTALLY  
ENCHANT  
HIM

THE FUNK  
FROM LOST-  
CHILD BECAME  
HIS MOST  
DEEP  
POSSESSION

AMAZON'S  
FIRST,  
FLAMING  
LIFE

I WANT  
TO BE  
GUILT-  
FREE  
PURE

HOSTILE NATIONS  
LAUNCHED CAMPAIGN  
AFTER CAMPAIGN IN  
HOPE OF PREVENTING  
THE MARRIAGE

THE WAY HE  
ALWAYS STANDS  
AT ATTENTION  
AS A SOLDIER  
DOES

FOR A  
MOMENT I  
FOUND  
MYSELF  
GONE TAKEN  
WITH HIM

HIS HEAD  
OF BLACK  
HAIR, HIS  
MANY  
FEATURES

HOWEVER,  
HIS COLD  
EXTERIOR

HIS  
EMOTION-  
LESS  
GAZE

SOMETHING  
ABOUT HIM  
MAKES ME  
UNCOMFORT-  
ABLE

COULD HE  
REALLY BE  
A SIMPLE  
SWORD-  
SMITH?



ON THE ADVICE OF HER  
DISTANT RELATIVE,  
FLORCA WAS  
PLACED UNDER THE  
PROTECTION OF A  
SHOUBUNIN NAMED  
ALBERT

I WAS QUITE  
SHOCKED TO  
SEE ALBERT  
SMILING IN  
THE YARD

HE IS OLDER  
THAN I AM,  
AT 18 YEARS  
OF AGE

EVEN  
AT THE  
THEATRES

IN THE  
FIELDS AS  
I TAKE  
MY WALKS

IN THE  
WONDOLIS  
OVER THE  
CANALS

AT GATHERINGS,  
AT DANCE BALLS,  
AT NIGHT AND  
IN THE DAY,  
LIKE A SHADOW  
UNPARTED FROM  
ITS HOST

HIS SKILLS  
WITH THE  
SWORD  
IMRESSED  
EVEN THE  
GENERAL OF  
THE ARMY

THAT IS  
HOW  
ALBERT  
BECAME  
HIS ADOPTED  
SON

AND NOW  
HE IS  
ALWAYS  
BEHIND ME

ALBERT

AND BEING SUCH  
A CAPTIVATING ONE,  
PEOPLE ARE  
ALWAYS TALKING  
ABOUT HIM

GRAB





ALBERT?



UPHUND ME, ALBERT

I CAN WALK ON MY OWN



SHE IS BRILLIANTLY IN A CLASS OF HER OWN EVERY SMALL MOVEMENT SHE MAKES



AS IF IT'S REALLY BEING HELD

DO YOU SEE ANYONE'S RIGHT HANDY

IT'S NOT EVEN MOVING



YOU CAN SEE NERVOUSNESS AND A BIT OF EXCITEMENT IN HER

I SEE IT, EVEN THOUGH HE'S NOT THERE, YOU KNOW IT'S ALBERT



SLAP



IT LOOKS SIMPLE, BUT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE





HER  
EXPRESSION  
TELLS US  
ALBERT'S  
FEELINGS

HER EYES  
TELL US  
WHERE  
ALBERT  
IS...

LORENCHIO'S  
SISTER AND THE  
GOVERNOR OF  
BINOKA CAME  
TODAY



TO LOOK  
INTO THE  
MATTER

AND TO  
CLARIFY THIS  
RUMOR



WHAT?  
THAT'S A LIE!  
TATS IS PURE  
MALICIOUS  
HOPE!

AS THE  
RUMORS  
START  
FLYING

TO THINK  
THAT I  
WOULD EVER  
BETRAY MY  
FATHER FROM  
BINOKA...

...FOR ALBERT,  
THAT PLEASANT  
BOY?

ABSURD  
!!





I  
COULDN'T  
PROVE MY  
INNOCENCE

RELATIONS  
BETWEEN  
BANCA AND  
VENICE  
CONTINUE TO  
NOURISH

LORENZO,  
BANCA IS  
NO MORE

TRULY, I  
WOULD  
HAVE  
MARRIED  
YOU

I  
DID LOVE  
YOU



FAREWELL,  
LORENZO.  
I  
HOPE I  
SHALL NEVER  
SEE YOU  
AGAIN

FAREWELL,  
MY  
BEAUTIFUL  
NATION



AND AS  
THE SUN  
SETS  
BEHIND  
THE  
CASTLE...

I CUT MY  
HAIR, I  
CARRIED A  
SWORD AT  
MY SIDE

TO REACH  
GREECE, I  
DISGUISED  
MYSELF AS  
A MAN

ALBERT HAS  
NOTHING  
TO DO  
WITH THIS

AND ALL THE  
WITNESSES  
WHO WOULD  
HAVE  
TESTIFIED  
TO MY  
INNOCENCE

HAVE  
ALL BEEN  
KILLED

OR HAVE  
MYSTERIOUSLY  
DISAPPEARED

NO ONE CAN  
KNOW THAT I  
WAS BANCA  
GUSTANI



I  
DID  
FAREWELL,  
SWEET VENICE





WE  
BOARDED  
A SHIP  
TO GREECE

SO I LEFT, WITH  
ALBERT BY  
MY SIDE







IN THAT OLD  
SPIN, AND  
WITH THE  
SPORTS  
EQUIPMENT  
INSIDE...

THEY SAW THE  
MAJESTIC  
CASTLES OF  
VENICE, AND  
IT ALL OF THE  
REARRANGE

AND THEY SAW  
THE VAST BLUE  
OF THE SEA

ALL RECORDING  
AND DISTRIBUTION  
RIGHTS FOR BLACK  
PRINCE IN JAPAN  
ARE HELD BY DAITO

IT'S DONE

DAITO

AMAZING, DAITO  
HAS ACQUIRED  
RIGHTS TO  
BLACK PRINCE

THEY'RE THE  
NEXTST  
CRAZY OF IT  
THEIR ABOUT  
NOW

I TRUST  
THEY WILL  
DO WELL  
HERE TOO

THEY'RE  
GOING TO  
BE THE  
NEXT  
BEATLES

NO  
DUBBING  
CERTAINLY  
IS FOLLO-  
WING



WELL

CONGRATULATIONS  
ON OBTAINING  
THOSE RIGHTS

OUR RECORDING  
LABEL IS  
GAINING GREAT  
POPULARITY  
THESE DAYS

WITH THIS DEAL  
FROM BLACK  
PRINCE, IT CAN  
ONLY GET BETTER





AAAH... STILL  
HANG UP  
ON THAT  
ONE, HAH?

THAT'S

ALWAYS  
BEEN A  
SIGNAL OF  
YOUR  
FATHER'S,  
TOO

NOT  
BEFORE  
WE DO THE  
CELEBRATION  
ADDRESS

THE ONLY THING  
THAT WOULD  
MAKE HER  
HAPPIER  
WOULD BE  
FOR YOU TO  
MARRY

YOUR  
FATHER  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN PROUD

CONGRAT-  
ULATIONS,  
MARUM

I'M  
AFRAID  
NOT, AT  
THE  
MOMENT

DO YOU  
HAVE  
ANYONE  
IN MIND?

YOU ARE  
TALKING  
ABOUT THE  
CELEBRATION  
ADDRESS?

RIGHT?

NOTHING  
ELSE  
MATTERS

YES, BUT THE  
CANDIDATES  
ARE STILL  
CHILDREN

REALLY?

I WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE TO  
REPLY BEFORE  
IT COMES TIME

SOME-  
THING  
THAT  
STANDS

BUT THE  
PLAY

SO YOU WILL  
WAIT FOR  
THAT?

CHILD-  
REN?

YES--

AND THE  
ACTRESS



I HEAR THAT  
THAT KID IS  
DOING A SOLO  
ACT AT HITCH-  
TUMBOH HIGH



HOW  
VERY  
TYPICAL  
OF THAT  
GIRL

AND IT'S  
IN AN  
OLD  
OVEN

HE'S  
ASKING  
THE  
QUES-  
TION

DID HE  
ACTUALLY  
TRY TO  
BURN A  
JOKE?

I WISH SHE  
COULD JUST  
GROW UP NOW  
AND PLAY  
THE CRIMSON  
SUCCESSES

ha  
ha  
ha  
ha



MR.  
MASH-  
IN

BUT I REALLY  
CAN'T IMAGINE  
HER AS A  
GROWN-UP



SO  
THAT'S  
HOW  
I  
KNOW

THEY ALWAYS  
BECOME US OF  
THINGS  
HAPPENING AT  
THE SCHOOL

WE'RE ASKING  
THE BIGGEST  
SPONSORS AND  
FINDING  
SOURCES FOR  
HITCHTUMBOH



.....



NATURALLY,  
I'VE HEARD  
ABOUT IT

AND SINCE A  
LOT OF PARTS  
GO TO SCHOOLS  
THAT'S ...

IS  
THE  
7



IS  
THE  
MASHIN  
7

SHE'S NEVER  
FAR AWAY  
FROM YOUR  
HEART



AND THEN  
THERE'S  
MR. MASLIN



AND  
MR. LARK  
WITH THAT

OH.

I  
SEE  
SOMETHING

CONNECTING  
ALL THE PEOPLE  
RELATED TO  
THE CRIMINAL  
SOCIETY



THE  
POINT  
CRIMINAL  
TOLAN  
KANE

UNDERSTAND  
MYSTERY  
MYSTERY  
MURDER

ALTHOUGH  
YOU'RE ALL  
DRIVEN IN A WAY  
YOU'RE ALL  
BOUND BY  
THE CRIMINAL  
SOCIETY

# Hitotsuboshi High School Festival

I SEE  
PIRATES.  
PREPARE  
FOR  
BATTLE

ALIGHT,  
SWORD

THERE  
ARE  
WOMEN  
AND  
CHILDREN  
ON  
BOARD  
AND YOU  
ATTACK  
THE  
DEFENSE  
LESS

I WILL TAKE  
YOU ON,  
PIR-TE!

I WILL NOT  
BE BEATEN  
BY PIRATES







IF YOU  
FACE HIM,  
THEN YOU  
TAKE AND  
HE SHALL  
NOT BE  
SEPARATED

I AM  
NICO,  
BROTHER  
OF ALBERT

THERE WAS A  
FIRST WIFE  
FROM A  
BAND OF  
PIRATES, A  
MAN CALLED  
OLIVER

INTERESTED  
IN THEIR  
SHOOPBILLS,  
HE BOUGHT  
BOTH PEANCA  
AND ALBERT

SO IT CAME  
TO BE, THAT  
ALBERT AND  
PEANCA  
BECAME  
PIRATES

MAHA TOLD  
THE TALE  
OF PEANCA

THE  
COUNTLESS  
BATTLES

AND  
THE LOVE  
OF A  
PIRATE

HOW SHE  
CAME TO  
BE A PIRATE





AND ALBERT'S  
DECLARATION  
OF LOVE HAD  
TAKE THOUGHT  
THREE LIVES  
WERE ABOUT  
TO END



THE MEETING  
WITH HIS  
RED-HEADED,  
LOVED ONE,  
NOW A  
MARRIED MAN



THE BATTLES  
WITH THE SPARKS  
HAD AND CAME  
AFTER HER  
KNOWING SHE  
WAS STILL ALIVE



AND THAT  
HIS BEEN  
MY HONEST  
TALK

I  
SWEAR  
TO YOU

SCARCA, NEVER  
BEING ABLE TO  
REVEAL THAT  
SHE WAS A  
WOMAN, FELL  
IN LOVE  
WITH BELLE

SURE, NOW  
THE CAPTAIN,  
WAS VERY  
FOND OF SCARCA  
AND TOOK  
HER UNDER  
HIS WING

UNDER OATH  
AND UNDER  
GOD, I  
TRUST  
IT IS  
ALL TRUE

AND I  
WAIT YOUR  
SENTENCE,  
AS YOU  
SEE FIT

THE AUDIENCE  
FELT THE  
SINCERITY  
AND FAIR IN  
MAY'S WORDS  
AND ALL TELL  
SILENT IN  
THE OLD CH





RESULT  
OF THE  
COURT'S  
DECISION?"

I MIGHT ADD THAT AMONG  
THE GENOVAN NAVY, THERE  
WAS A FORMER GENOVAN  
GOVERNOR  
THE VERY SAME ONE  
WHO CAME TO VENICE  
TO MEET BIANCA

THAT I LEAVE  
TO YOU ALL  
TO DECIDE  
FOR  
YOURSELVES

NEVER IN A THOUSAND  
YEARS DID HE  
THINK THAT THE  
STORY OF A VENICE  
PRINCESS WOULD  
END THIS WAY

SAILING AWAY  
INTO THE  
ROLLING WAVES

TWO  
DARK  
FIGURES  
ABOARD

IN THE  
DISTANCE,  
WE SEE  
A SMALL  
BOAT



WHAT  
BECAME  
OF BIANCA?

YOU SHALL  
HAVE NO  
ANSWERS  
FROM THE  
MEDITERRANEAN  
SEA

AND  
WHAT  
OF  
SILVER?



AND SINCE THAT  
MOMENT, THE NAME  
BIANCA HAS NEVER  
AGAIN WRITTEN IN  
THE STORIES OF GENOVA

NOR WAS  
THE CAPTAIN,  
SILVER







I CAN  
DO IT!



I DID  
IT

I'M  
ACTING  
AGAIN!



SHE'S ANGRY!  
THEY DON'T EVEN  
CARE THAT ANYONE  
IS A BORN-  
OUTCAST  
ANYMORE!



I CAN ACT...

FINALLY...  
I'M AN  
ACTRESS  
AGAIN!









THIS HAS  
BARELY VERY  
GOOD  
ENTHOUSE  
FOR THAT  
GIRL



BEING AN  
ACHIEVEMENT  
FOR IT IS  
YEAR THAT  
POPULAR  
FOR THAT  
GONE

AFTER THAT DAY,  
STANCA, THE  
FEMALE  
FIGHTS WAS  
PERFORMED  
FOR 30  
MORE DAYS





I WILL PERFORM  
DURGA  
THE FEMALE  
SHIVA

I'LL  
DO IT

I'LL DO  
IT AGAIN



YES!

TO THE  
SCHOOL, I  
CAN'T SEE A  
GOWNING TO  
IT SO I'M  
ALLOWING IT



WOW,  
YOU'RE A  
JUST A BIG  
SWEETS  
AREN'T YOU?

THANK  
YOU

AND GOOD  
LUCK,  
I'LL BE  
WATCHING  
YOU

YEAH, I'LL  
SEE IT TOO  
I GUSS  
NOBODY  
INVITED ME  
BUT  
WHATEVER...

FINALLY  
RECOGNITION  
ON MY  
TALENTS.



YOU  
HAVE MY  
PERSON-  
SON,  
KIDDO

RIGHT, NEXT  
SATURDAY  
AFTER  
CLASSES

OH



A  
REPEAT

MY  
ACCOM



MYA, MYA  
SO GLAD  
YOU'RE  
PERFORMING  
AGAIN

CONGRAT-  
ULATIONS!

I CAN'T  
WAIT TO  
SEE IT





PER-  
FORM  
AGAIN?



Dalia Theater



I'M SO  
HAPPY



I WANTED  
TO  
TELL  
YOU  
SOONER  
ALL THE  
STUDENTS  
WANTED  
A  
REFUT



WHY  
DON'T  
YOU  
WAIT  
IN  
THE  
WAITING  
ROOM  
I'LL  
BE  
THERE  
SOON



THAT'S  
GREAT  
MAY  
CONGRAT-  
ULATIONS



I KNOW  
YOU'RE  
BUSY

BUT, I WOULD  
LIKE SENSEI  
TO COME BACK

LIKE IT  
WAS BEFORE

SEN-  
SEI



ONLY THE BEST  
ARTISTS AND  
PERFORMERS  
GO TO  
SCHOOL HERE

THE RATO  
THEATER  
SCHOOL

THIS  
PLACE  
IS HUGE



AND SENSEI  
IS A  
TEACHER  
HERE









WISH TO TELL ANOTHER  
PERSON. IT'S  
THAT MAN WHO ALWAYS  
SUPPORTS  
ME.

REALLY? I  
DON'T ACT  
HAPPY  
COME TO SEE YOU  
TODAY.

THEY  
EVEN  
ASKED  
THE  
SCHOOL FOR  
AUTHORIZATION.

THOSE  
WHO'VE SEEN  
IT WANT TO  
SEE IT AGAIN.

I'M HERE IN  
HITOTSUBASHI  
BECAUSE  
OF HIM.

THE  
PURPLE  
ROBE

CONGRAT-  
ULATIONS

THAT'S  
VERY  
I  
TOLD  
SENSEI!

I'M  
SO  
GLAD

I WAS  
AFRAID HE  
WOULD BE  
DISAPPOINTED  
IN ME

I KNEW  
HE WAS  
CONCERNED

WHEN I  
COULDN'T  
ACT  
ANymore

THROUGH  
THE  
SCHOOL

EVEN IF YOU  
HADN'T TOLD  
HIM, HE  
WOULD HAVE  
KNOWN

DON'T  
WORRY,  
HE  
KNOWS

I SUPPOSE  
HE WAS  
A LITTLE  
CONCERNED

I WANTED TO TELL  
HIM THAT I STARTED  
ACTING AGAIN,  
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW  
HOW TO TELL HIM

I DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
HIS NAME  
OR HIS  
ADDRESS

I'M SURE YOU  
KNOW,  
SHE DID A  
PERFORMANCE  
IN SCHOOL

OH,  
HOW ARE  
YOU  
FEELING  
ABOUT  
IT?

MAA-  
LARRY

DID YOU  
HAPPEN TO  
CATCH IT?

SEE-  
SEE

SLAY

YOU HAVE  
TO DO  
BETTER  
NEXT TIME,  
OKAY?

I HAVE  
TO  
ADMIT  
THAT

IT WAS  
AN  
EXCITING  
PLAY

OF  
COURSE

THANK YOU,  
BENNET

I  
WILL

HAHAHA

I NEVER  
KNEW  
BENNET  
HAYAM  
COULD  
EVEN  
LAUGH

STR-  
ANGE

MA-  
YAI

SEE!

YOUR  
FANS  
AWAY

OH, I  
HAVE  
TO GO

BEST OF  
LUCK,  
CHIE

SEE YOU  
AROUND



I'LL TELL  
YOU THIS  
ONLY ONCE

SEN-  
SEI

I SAID  
MANY PLAYS  
THERE

WELL,  
REGARDING  
YOUR PLAY

BUT YOU  
HAVE TO  
WORK ON  
THAT

I UNDERSTAND THAT  
YOU WOULD RUN  
OUT OF BREATH FROM  
DOING A SOLO ACT.

FIRST,  
BREATHING  
PAY  
ATTENTION

YOU TOOK AS  
MANY AS SEVEN  
BREATHS IN  
A LINE OF  
DIALOG

YES

IF YOU  
SIMPLY  
CONTINUE  
AFTERWARDS,  
THERE IS NO  
DRAMATIC  
MOMENT

AFTER YOUR  
DANCE WITH  
LORENZO

FROM A  
LONG  
BREATH

AS SHAMU,  
YOU MUST LET  
THE AUDIENCE  
FEEL HOW  
MUCH YOU'VE  
FALLING IN LOVE  
WITH HER

THEY  
HAVE  
TO  
FEEL  
THAT

THAT IS  
ESSENTIAL

DO NOT  
MOVE  
UNNECESS-  
ARILY

ON THE  
FOURTH  
ACT

YOU WASTED  
ENERGY  
WALKING  
AROUND  
NEE-  
LESSLY





THE WAY  
WE USED  
TO DO

PLEASE!  
SENSEI!

TEACH  
US  
AGAIN!

I WANT TO  
BE WITH YOU  
AGAIN, SENSEI!



SENSEI!

TEACH ME,  
SEN AND  
EVERYONE  
LIKE OLD  
TIMES



YOU DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
YET

YOU DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
YET, DO  
YOU?

WHY I TOOK  
THIS JOB AND  
PARTED  
FROM YOU



SEN-  
SEI



THAT IS  
YOUR  
FINAL  
LESSON

ACHIEVE WHAT  
YOU WANT,  
ON YOUR  
OWN

YOU NEED TO  
FIND WAYS TO  
STAND ON  
YOUR OWN

YOU CAN'T  
ALWAYS  
DEPEND  
ON ME

AN  
ACTRESS  
IS ALWAYS  
ALONE ON  
STAGE, MARIA

ALONE





THE AUDIENCE  
WILL TEACH  
YOU A LOT



I HAVE  
TO DO  
THIS ON  
MY OWN

I HAVE  
TO OVER-  
COME THAT



CRIMSON  
GOODNESS

HOW DO I  
REACH THAT?

I HAVE  
SO MUCH  
TO LEARN



CRASH

THE ONLY  
ONE WHO  
CAN IMPROVE  
YOU IS  
YOURSELF

REACH WHAT  
YOU WANT  
ON YOUR  
OWN



YOU  
AND  
YOUR

I'M ALWAYS  
WATCHING  
YOU



GO-  
GO



GUY  
SHOWY

WE'VE  
NEVER HAD  
A REPEAT  
PERFORM-  
ANCE BEFORE

WOW,

IT'S  
JAM  
PACKED



AND THE  
SCIENCE  
TEACHER

WOW,  
THE MATH  
TEACHER  
IS HERE

I AM A  
HISTORY  
TEACHER,  
YOU KNOW

WELL, I JUST CAME  
TO SEE HOW  
WELL... ACCURATE  
THIS PLAY IS



DON'T  
STOP ME,  
ALBERT

QUIET  
EVERYONE!

HAY, IT'S  
STARTING,  
IT'S  
STARTING!

I HOPE  
I CAN  
DO IT

I'LL TRY TO  
REMEMBER  
EVERYTHING  
SENSEI  
TOLD ME

FOR ME,  
SALVAGE

BUT THIS  
IS A  
DRESS

AND ONCE  
AGAIN, THE  
SHIP  
BECAME A  
WHOLE  
OTHER  
WORLD

HAKE AT  
THAT,  
DRAW YOUR  
SWORD

SO YOU  
MOCK ME  
FOR BEING  
A WOMAN?

SHOW ME  
WHAT YOU  
CAN DO



THAT  
WAS  
AMAZING

CLAP  
CLAP  
CLAP

I AM GLAD  
TO HAVE  
BEEN OF  
SERVICE

MR.  
LORDMORO  
OF BENOVA

I AM MERELY  
AN EXPLORER  
OF THE WARS

A  
NUMEROUS  
DRIFTER

IT WAS  
ACTUALLY  
BETTER  
THAN BEFORE.  
DON'T YOU  
THINK?

YEAH

I COULD  
FEEL JINAKA  
A LOT MORE



THANKS!

REALLY,  
I WATCHED  
BOTH  
SAGA GO  
TO KNOW

IT'S THE  
BEST  
YET!

THIS WAS  
BETTER THAN  
YOUR LAST  
PERFORMANCE

THANKS  
AGAIN,  
MAMA

REAL-  
LIFE?

P /



STUDENT  
UNION

Teachers  
Lounge

GO...



I DID IT,  
JUST LIKE  
SENSEI  
TOLD ME

AND WITH  
NOBODY  
TO COACH

I DID  
IT!



AGAIN  
GO...  
WHAT DO  
YOU THINK?

THEY  
WANT  
YOU TO  
DO A  
REPEAT

SEE ALL  
THESE  
SUCCESS-  
TORY?

THANKS  
MAMA?





NOW I WANT  
TO BE GOOD  
AT IT AS WELL

THAT'S  
ALL I  
WANT

WELL  
I WANT  
TO DO  
WELL

ALL THIS  
TIME I'VE  
LOVED  
ACTING

WELL  
YES

I WANT  
TO BE  
BETTER  
THAN  
THAT

TO  
ONE  
THAT  
WANT  
THEY  
WANT

SOME PEOPLE  
ENJOY MY  
PERFORMANCES

THAT ACTIVATES  
ME ALL THE TIME

ONLY WE CAN  
UNDERSTAND  
COMPLETELY  
THE THINGS WE  
LONG FOR

I'LL  
DO IT

ALONE

WELL I'VE  
DECIDED  
THAT FROM  
NOW ON ...

I'M  
GOING TO  
PRACTICE  
ON MY  
OWN



\*A Passing Train.







SHE WANTS TO GIVE A MONOGRAMMED TOWEL TO THE SOCCER CAPTAIN...

SAID HIROMI, HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR. HER FATHER IS A REGULAR EMPLOYEE AND HER MOTHER IS A GOOD COOK... SHE HAS AN OLDER BROTHER AND A YOUNGER SISTER





THAT MEANS  
I'M NOT  
DOING IT  
WELL.



I MEAN,  
IT MIGHT  
BORE SOME  
PEOPLE.

MAYA,  
ARE YOU  
SURE?



THIS IS GOING  
TO TAKE  
EVERYTHING  
I HAVE  
LEARNED  
SO FAR.



IN STORIES  
LIKE THESE,  
THAT'S WHERE  
THE TEST

SINCE IT'S  
SO ORDINARY,  
I'LL HAVE TO  
KEEP THE  
INTEREST  
LEVEL HIGH.



I WILL COME  
SEE YOUR  
PREMIERE.

THAT'S  
GOOD.  
IT'S A  
CHALLENGE,  
NO DOUBT.



YES, IT'S  
AN INVITATION  
TO HER SHOW.

HMM-  
KARU.  
ATUM.  
HAGAMI?

IF YOU DO  
THIS, YOU'LL  
BE BETTER  
THAN YOU  
EVER WERE.

ROMEO  
AND  
JULIET.

WHICH  
ONE  
IS IT?



CHOSEN A  
GOOD  
ONE.

WELL...



Himekawa Aqueduct  
Juliet -  
Press Conference

AQUA: IS IT TRUE  
THAT YOU ARE  
DOING THE PLAY  
ROMEO AND  
JULIET AS A  
SOLO ACT?

DO YOU  
THINK  
IT WILL  
WORK OUT?

GABRIEL  
JULIET

I WILL NOT BE  
PLAYING ROMEO  
AND JULIET

AND TO  
ANSWER  
THE SECOND  
QUESTION  
THAT  
DEPENDS

HER  
EMOTIONS  
AND MOVEMENTS

A JULIET  
VERY MUCH  
IN LOVE  
WITH ROMEO

ON AN  
ACTING  
SKILL

BUT IT WILL  
BE ONLY  
ABOUT JULIET

WE'LL EXPOSE  
JULIET'S WAY  
OF THINKING



WHAT A  
SHOW  
THIS  
WILL BE

OH RIGHT, SINCE  
SHE'S ALONE  
SHE'LL NEED  
TO HAVE

LET'S HOPE  
IT DOES  
SHADE-SPEARS  
JUSTICE



WITH THEM,  
THE FAMOUS  
FRENCH MINE,  
MR. MARCHEL  
MARCHEL

THE  
DIRECTOR  
IS IN  
CHARGE

THE  
SCRIPT  
WAS  
WRITTEN  
BY MR.  
MARCHEL



THIS IS MY  
CHALLENGE  
MINE, AND  
MINE  
ALONE

THIS  
SHADE-  
SPEARS  
JUSTICE



I WILL OVERCOME THIS











I'LL HAVE  
TO COORDINATE  
MY CHEEK  
MOVEMENT WITH  
MY BREATH  
STROKES

THAT'S  
HARD

UP  
AND  
DOWN

THE  
BACK...

AND THE  
FRONT

LOU, COME  
ON CHEEK  
MUSCLES...  
WORK  
WITH ME

OH...  
WHEN YOU  
OPEN THE  
FALCET, IT  
TAKES  
SOME  
POWER

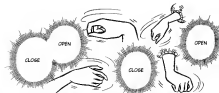
CREAK

SLURP

IT'S  
MUCH  
EASIER

TO  
CLOSE  
IT...

CREAK





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A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL IS THE MAIN CHARACTER

SHE STARTS AS SHE WAKES UP IN THE MORNING



AROUND IN THE KITCHEN, KAZUO IS STRETCHING IN THE YARD

I WASH MY FACE, CHANGE MY CLOTHES AND HAVE BREAKFAST

MY BROTHER IS A COLLEGE STUDENT AND MY SISTER IS IN JUNIOR HIGH



AND SHE LOVES BOYING AND COOKING

SHE'S IN THE HOME EC CLASS

I'M ALWAYS LATE

CATCH THE SCHOOL BUS

THEY EVEN GO TO THE BATHROOM TOGETHER

SHE'S QUITE LONELY AT SCHOOL

AND HAS A BEST FRIEND

SHE HAS A SECRET CRUSH ON THE SOCCER CAPTAIN, SAKAMOTO













SO YOU  
WOULDN'T  
USE ALL YOUR  
FINGERS TO  
HOLD IT

LOOK AT  
THIS  
HANDLE

DEP

IT'S TRY

TRY IT  
AGAIN



GRIP



REACH



ALRIGHT,  
NOW  
THE  
EGGS

THAT IS  
BET-  
TER

THAT'S  
JUST LIKE  
ME



PRACTICE ACTING  
HOW TO  
HAVE BREAKFAST  
AND ACTUALLY  
FORGET TO  
HAVE BREAKFAST



MEMBER  
OF THE  
HOME EC CLUB

SHE LIKES  
MAKING DOLLS,  
TABLE CLOTHS  
AND PILLOWS

THE SOCCER  
CAPTAIN

soccer  
club

SHE  
LIKES  
SHOOT-  
ING

IF I COULD JUST  
FIND THAT OUT,  
I COULD ACT  
MORE NATURALLY

I NEED TO BE HER  
IN ORDER TO  
PORTRAY HER  
ACCURATELY

SATO HIROMI

LET'S  
DO  
IT!

SHE WANTS TO  
GIVE HIM  
SOMETHING,  
BUT LACKS  
THE COUR-  
AGE...

GOING  
TOO FAR...

SATO  
HIROMI

HOW TO  
BETTER  
UNDERSTAND  
HER?



THIS WAY I'LL  
KNOW HOW TO BE  
HER WHEN  
SHE'S MEETING  
WITH THE CAPTAIN

HOW FAR DOES  
SHE HAVE TO  
LOOK UP TO  
LOOK INTO  
HIS EYES

NO CAPTAIN,  
THIS WEIRD  
GIRL WANTS  
TO SEE YOU

HIS FACE,  
HEIGHT,  
BODY TYPE

WHAT IS THIS  
CAPTAIN LIKE  
TO MEET

OF COURSE THE  
CAPTAIN IS  
DIFFERENT BUT  
HE'LL DO



















OH, COME ON.  
GIVE A BREAK.

AND WITHOUT  
TELLING ME?

HOW? WHY DID  
YOU GIFT?

OOOHH

IT'S GOOD

DID YOU  
WATCH THE  
BEST TEAM  
ON TV  
YESTERDAY?

THAT'S  
FOURSCORE  
WAS THERE

I HAVE  
TO GET  
THE PRIZE  
HONOR



SOMEONE  
WAS A  
CRIMINAL ON  
SCENE

THAT I  
WOULD NEVER  
HAVE THOUGHT

AND THAT

WAS OUR  
TELEVISION  
BROADCAST,  
MR. NUTANGRA



BOYS  
THAT  
GIRLS  
LIKE

TV  
SHOWS  
AND  
VARIETY  
SHOWS

CRISP  
TARTS AND  
CHOCOLATE  
CAKE

BLISSFUL  
CHEESECAKE  
AND APPLE PIE

ALL THESE  
TARTS

I THINK I'M  
ABOUT TO  
UNDERSTAND  
SATO HERE

ALL THIS  
SATO TALK



SATO HIROMI  
WOULDN'T LOVE  
THIS TOO



THAT'S EVERY  
DAY THINGS



I DON'T UNDERSTAND,  
WHAT IS SHE DOING

THANK  
YOU,  
COME  
ACROSS

DO SHE  
REALLY  
DOING  
ANOTHER  
PLAY?

SHE NEVER  
DO-BUSINESS



SHE JUST  
WENT OUT  
TO BUY  
TALKING  
TO THE  
STOCK

WE'VE  
BEEN  
KEEPING  
AN EYE  
ON HER



SO YOU DON'T LET  
HER HAVE  
BREAKFAST  
UNTIL SHE  
COULD ASK IT?











HEY, MARY'S  
PROMPOSURE  
HAS BEEN SET!  
WE HAVE  
A DATE

IT'S IN 3 WEEKS  
AFTER SCHOOL



What's going on?  
Why is he thinking  
about it?



I WONDER  
WHICH ONE  
WILL BE?

I CAN'T  
WAIT!

WE'LL SEE IT  
FOR SURE

THANK THE PEOPLE  
FORGET ME  
GOING FOR  
HOURS AFTER  
I SAW IT

HEAR WE'LL  
WANT TO  
WATCH AT  
LEAST THREE

WAAAA

WAAAA

WAAAA  
SHE'LL DO  
A REPEAT  
AGAIN

I BET THIS  
ONE'LL BE  
GREAT TOO

I CAN  
DO THIS

SATO  
HERON



I CAN BE  
SATO  
HERON

SATO HERON

SHE LIKES  
CUTE LITTLE  
THINGS

SHE LIKES TO  
EAT CAKE  
AFTER SCHOOL



SHE LIKES TO DART

SHE'S JUST SIMPLY HAPPY



To be Continued

# Glass Mask



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